

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAR ES 01719 291121Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03 TRSE-00
XMB-02 OPIC-03 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 STR-04 CEA-01
AGRE-00 IO-13 DHA-02 /115 W
-----300116Z 048410 /70

R 17190726Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4809
INFO AMEMBASSY LILONGWE
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMCONSUL CAPETOWN
USMISSION USUN NEW HORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1719

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, EGEN, TZ,
SUBJECT: NYERERE SPEECH OUTLINES BROAD DOMESTIC POLICIES

1. SUMMARY: ADDRESSING CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY APRIL 25 PRIOR
TO ADOPTION OF NEW TANZANIAN CONSTITUTION, PRESIDENT NYERERE
AFFIRMED TANZANIA'S SOCIALIST COURSE AND SUPREMACY OF
TANZANIA'S SOLE POLITICAL PARTY. SPEECH INDICATES A HARDENING
OF CURRENT TRENDS - LESS POPULAR REPRESENTATION IN GOVERNMENT
AND GREATER CONTROL BY THE SMALL APPOINTED CENTRAL PARTY
ESTABLISHMENT. DEFICIENCIES IN TANZANIA'S ECONOMY WERE NOT
ATTRIBUTED TO TANZANIA'S SYSTEM OF IDEOLOGY, ORGANIZATION, OR
POLICY. THESE PROCLAIMED CORRECT AND WILL BE PERPETUATED.
RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE LIES WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT
"GOOD MEMBERS OF THE PARTY", OR EXTERNAL EVENTS. U.S. ECONOMIC
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAR ES 01719 291121Z

AND POLITICAL INTERESTS NOT AFFECTED. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW CONSTITUTION APPROVED. PRESIDENT NYERERE CONVENED
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APRIL 25 IN ITS TEMPORARY ROLE AS CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY. BUSINESS AT HAND WAS TO PUT STAMP OF APPROVAL ON
NEW CONSTITUTION LABORIOUSLY PUT TOGETHER IN PAST SEVERAL

MONTHS BY SELECT COMMITTEE OF REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (CCM), THE
SOLE POLITICAL PARTY IN TANZANIA.

3. PARTY SUPREME. NYERERE EMPHASIZED THE PARTY WAS NOW
SUPREME IN COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP. IT HAD THREE ROLES: TO
DEFINE GOALS, OUTLINE POLICIES, AND SUPERVISE POLICY IMPLEMENTA-
TION. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S ROLE WOULD BE CONVERSION OF PARTY
DIRECTIVES INTO LAW; IT WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM TAKING ANY
STEPS CONTRARY TO PARTY POLICIES. IT COULD NOT, FOR EXAMPLE,
DECIDE TO RESTORE THE ECONOMY TO PRIVATE HANDS.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTY MEMBERS. ACCORDING TO NYERERE
THERE WOULD BE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY, AND THE PARTY IN CARRYING OUT PARTY POLICIES. ALL
PERSONS CONCERNED WOULD BE PARTY MEMBERS. "GOOD MEMBERS OF THE
PARTY" WOULD ACT ALIKE IN CARRYING OUT PARTY POLICY; THOSE
WHO FAILED TO DO THEIR DUTY WOULD BE REMOVED.

5. DECLINE OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. NYERERE SAID TANZANIA'S
CURRENT FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN WOULD HAVE TO BE REVISED
BECAUSE IT WAS NOW NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES
SERVICES WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY.
HE REITERATED THE THEME THAT TANZANIA WANTED ONLY UNITY AND
COOPERATION BUT CIRCUMSTANCES COMPLETELY BEYOND ITS CONTROL
MADE IT NECESSARY, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, FOR TANZANIA TO LOOK
AFTER ITS OWN NEEDS. ENTIRE RAILWAY, AIR AND LAKE SERVICES
WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT FROM SCRATCH. "WE SHALL DO OUR BEST...
BUT THE PEOPLE MUST ACCEPT THAT FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS OUR
BEST WILL NOT MATCH UP TO OUR NEEDS."

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 DAR ES 01719 291121Z

6. COMMENT:

A. POLITICAL- NYERERE'S SPEECH ON FUTURE POLICY INDICATES
A HARDENING OF LONG-VISIBLE DOMESTIC TRENDS. THIS INCLUDES
PARTY SUPREMACY AND A FURTHER WEAKENING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
THE VESTIGIAL ORGAN OF POPULAR REPRESENTATION. NYERERE HAS JUST
ABOUT COMPLETED HIS BUILDING OF A MONOLITHIC GOVERNING STRUCTURE
WITH HIMSELF AT THE TOP CONTROLLING IT THROUGH A NEARLY
UNCHANGING GROUP OF PEOPLE ALMOST WHOLLY UNACCOUNTABLE TO
PUBLIC OPINION. ELECTIONS ARE HELD TO SELECT LOCAL PARTY
OFFICIALS, BUT SENIOR PARTY EXECUTIVES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
PARTY'S OFTEN OCCULT CENTRAL AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES-
UNDER NYERERE THE NATION'S REAL DECISION-MAKERS - ARE APPOINTED.
UNDEVIATING PERSONAL LOYALTY TO NYERERE PLUS DEDICATION TO THE
PARTY LINE ARE THE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THIS GROUP.

B. ECONOMIC - ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, NYERERE AFFIRMED TANZANIA'S
SOCIALIST COURSE. THE POSSIBLE UNSUITABILITY OF ANY OF TANZANIA'S

SOCIALIST POLICIES WAS NOT MENTIONED. FAILURES WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THOSE WHO IMPLEMENT PARTY POLICIES INCORRECTLY OR TO OUTSIDE PROBLEMS. NYERERE HAS SET THE STAGE TO ASCRIBE TO EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY PROBLEMS A LARGE RANGE OF FUTURE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, WHETHER JUSTIFIED OR NOTM

C. U.S. INTERESTS UNAFFECTED. AMERICAN COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT TIES WITH TANZANIA ARE MINIMAL AND LONG AGO ADJUSTED TO TANZANIA'S POLICY OF BUILDING SOCIALISM. THERE WILL BE NO DEVIATION FROM TANZANIA'S CHERISHED INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, WHICH EMPHASIZE THIRD-WORLD UNITY IN PURSUIT OF SOCIALIST AIMS, OFTEN AT LEAST RHETORICALLY IN ACCEPTED CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.
SPAIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, SPEECHES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977DARES01719
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: D770151-0294
Format: TEL
From: DAR ES SALAAM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197704101/aaaafseu.tel
Line Count: 135
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON MICROFILM, TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: 34f1b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2664050
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> mcm 970829
Subject: NYERERE SPEECH OUTLINES BROAD DOMESTIC POLICIES
TAGS: PGOV, TZ, EGEN, PINT, (NYERERE, JULIUS K)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/34f1b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009